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1. [redacted] at the Medical Institute in Voronezh in the fall of 1938. The requirements for admission were quite simple. Prospective students were required to have completed 10 years of preliminary schooling or alternatively seven years of preliminary schooling plus night school. Practically all prospective students were required to take an entrance exam from which specially qualified students were exempt. There were approximately five hundred students in the entering class in the fall of 1938. Four hundred of these were females and most of the one hundred men had been rejected from what were considered the more difficult schools, i.e., science, engineering, industrial and military. Students not accepted in the Medical Institute usually went to the Teaching Institutes. The students came from all over the USSR. In 1938-39 all students were admitted to the school tuition free and received an additional special allowance for taking all subjects in the course. Beginning about 1940 the students had to pay 300 rubles tuition for a semester. Many students could not pay and had to resign. [redacted] several students who committed suicide because they could not raise the money. There were between five and ten students [redacted] after 1940 studying on what were called "Stalin Stipends". These students had maintained an all "A" record.
2. The normal course for a degree as an M.D. was of five years duration. All students in the Medical Institute were required to take the same subjects during the first three years. The fourth and fifth years were devoted to specialization. The following are the courses studied [redacted]

School Year -- 1938-1939

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I

II

1. Inorganic Chemistry
2. Biology
3. Physics
4. Anatomy
5. Latin
6. Militarism
7. Principles of Lenin and Stalin
8. Physical education.

1. Physics
2. Organic Chemistry
3. Anatomy
4. Histology
5. Analytical Chemistry
6. Foreign Languages

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School Year - 1939-1940

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- 1. Anatomy
- 2. Histology
- 3. Physical Chemistry
- 4. Foreign Languages
- 5. Parasitology
- 6. Physical Culture

IV

- 1. Physics
- 2. Bio-chemistry
- 3. Marxism & Leninism
- 4. Foreign Languages
- 5. Parasitology
- 6. Physical training

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School Year - 1940-1941

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- 1. General Surgery (Theory)
- 2. Therapeutics
- 3. Pathological Anatomy
- 4. Sterilization
- 5. Pharmacology
- 6. Parasitology, study of microbes
- 7. Pathological physiology
- 8. Infectious diseases
- 9. Topographical anatomy
- 10. Practical surgery, science of operations.

The third year was an accelerated program because of the Nazi Invasion.

3. The following are the professors at the Medical Institute:

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Name	Year Born	Specialty
Professor Stepan Grigoreff	About 1885	Microbiology
Professor Alekaitsi	" 1892	Pathological Anatomy
Professor Bouchkowsky, -Senior	" 1880	Histology
Professor Agarodnikoff	" 1885	Inorganics Chemistry
Professor Koudravetzeva (Lady)	" 1885	Biochemistry
Professor Marik	" 1903	Physics
Professor Goldberg	" 1895	Physiology
Professor Burukoff	" 1895	Normal Physiology
Professor Bouchkowsky, -Junior	" 1900	Colloidal Chemistry
Prof. Volkontsy (Moved to Kharkov-1939)	" 1885	Normal Anatomy
Professor Vorontzow	" 1885	Pharmacology

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Most of the professors were Jewish and retreated before the advance of the Nazi Army. All of the professors were nominally Communists but the students all realized that none of them were serious in that belief. The head of the Institute was a Communist

This is common in all schools of higher education.

4. There was a shortage of text books in all classes. Normal procedure was for five to 10 students to study from the same book in turns or in group sessions. There was little time available for social activities. The students attended school for approximately six hours per day and spent the rest of their waking hours studying. All students were required to take courses in the Communist ideology. If any student achieved passing grades in the study of politics he received passing grades in all his other subjects despite his lack of proficiency. However, if a student did not obtain passing marks in the political subjects, his progress was retarded in all subjects until he was able to pass the political subjects.

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5. Beginning with the third year students were sent to villages to work under village doctors. This was called practical training and a good report was required from the village doctor before the student was allowed to progress. [redacted] the village doctors were poorly trained and the students invariably knew more about theoretical medical practice than the village doctors. Few students received valuable experience in these practical training periods because of the low level of the medical practices. 50X1
6. There was a State Hospital attached to the Medical Institute with provision for children, women and persons with infectious diseases. The Medical Institute itself consisted of three three-story buildings, each about 200 yards long and 75 yards wide. The buildings were old and poorly equipped. In 1941 the Nazi Army apparently made some effort to avoid destroying the medical buildings but the Red Army deliberately shelled the buildings as it retreated. 50X1

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